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52	Female
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Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Hart-Teeter for NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. We're conducting a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Of the people living in your household who are at least eighteen years old, including those who are not home right now, can you tell me who has had the most recent birthday? **(IF PERSON DOESN'T KNOW ALL THE BIRTHDAYS, SAY:)** Well, of the ones you do know, who has had the last birthday? May I speak to that person please? **(IF PERSON WITH MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY IS NOT HOME, FIND OUT WHEN HE/SHE WILL RETURN AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO CALL BACK.)**

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS THE ONE WITH THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY, SAY:) Here is my first question. **(PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)**

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS NOT THE ONE TO HAVE THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY, ASK TO SPEAK TO THE PERSON WHO DID. AFTER RESPONDENT COMES TO THE PHONE, SAY:)

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Hart-Teeter for NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. We're conducting a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Are you at least eighteen years old and the person with the most recent birthday of all the adults living in this household? **(IF "YES," SAY:)** Here is my first question. **(PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)**

1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered	100	CONTINUE	[15]
Not registered.....	-	TERMINATE	E
Not sure.....	-		

2. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>11/4-</u>	<u>10/9</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>5/94</u>	<u>3/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>12/93</u>
	<u>5/94</u>	<u>4</u>							
Approve.....	44	46	44	48	53	56	53	59	56
Disapprove.....	44	45	49	46	39	39	37	33	34
Not sure.....	12	9	7	6	8	5	10	8	10

<u>10/93</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>6/93</u>	<u>4/93</u>	<u>3/93</u>	<u>1/93</u>
46	50	45	40	50	56	51
44	40	46	51	36	27	17
10	10	9	9	14	17	32

- 3a. Using a ten-point scale, please tell me how likely you are to vote in this year's elections for Congress and state offices. If you are certain that you will vote, pick a number closer to "10." If it is less likely that you will vote, use a number closer to "1." You may choose any number between one and ten. (**MAKE SURE RESPONDENT UNDERSTANDS SCALE. IF "NOT SURE," RECORD A "*."**)

	<u>11/4-5/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	[17]
10, certain to vote.....	65	64	
9.....	9	12	
8.....	9	7	
7.....	4	4	
6.....	2	3	
5.....	4	4	
4.....	1	-	
3.....	1	2	
2.....	1	1	
1, less likely to vote.....	3	2	
Not sure.....	1	1	

- 3b. In this year's election for U.S. Congress, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district? **[18]**

	<u>11/4-5/94</u>	<u>10/9</u>	<u>9/9</u>	<u>7/94</u>	<u>6/94</u>	<u>1/94</u>	<u>10/9</u>	<u>9/93</u>	<u>7/93</u>
Vote for the Republican candidate.....	40	41	36	32	32	30	35	29	30
Vote for the Democratic candidate.....	37	36	39	38	36	34	32	32	32
Depends (VOL).....	6	7	10	15	15	23	21	27	28
Other/neither (VOL).....	2	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	2
Won't vote (VOL).....	1	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not sure.....	14	14	13	13	14	12	11	11	8

	<u>11/92</u>	<u>10/92</u>	<u>9/92</u>	<u>8/92</u>	<u>7/92</u>	<u>10/90</u>
	35	29	32	29	31	33
	45	46	43	43	35	35
	4	6	7	7	11	14
	1	2	1	2	3	2
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	15	17	17	19	20	16

- 3c. And in this year's election for U.S. Congress, do you plan to vote for your current representative or for your representative's opponent?

	<u>11/4-5/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	[19]
Vote for current representative.....	47	44	
Vote for representative's opponent.....	23	25	
Representative not running (VOL).....	1	2	
Other (VOL).....	1	1	
Not sure.....	28	28	

- 4a. In deciding whether to vote for your member of Congress, which is more important to you--your congressperson's position on national issues or your congressperson's performance in taking care of problems in your district?

	<u>11/4-5/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
Position on national issues.....	25	35	[20]
Performance in district.....	57	51	
Both/neither (VOL).....	15	13	
Not sure.....	3	1	

- 4b. In this year's elections, are you more likely to vote for a candidate who supports President Clinton, are you more likely to vote for a candidate who opposes President Clinton, or is a candidate's support for President Clinton not a factor in your voting?

	<u>11/4-5/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
Vote for a candidate who supports President Clinton.. .	19	18	[21]
Vote for a candidate who opposes President Clinton ...	24	26	
Support for President Clinton is not a factor in voting.. .	53	54	
Not sure.....	4	2	

- 5a. How satisfied are you with the choice of candidates for U.S. Congress in your district this year--very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

Very satisfied.....	13	[22]
Somewhat satisfied.....	55	
Somewhat dissatisfied.....	17	
Very dissatisfied.....	9	
Neutral/both (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	4	

- 5b. What is your preference for the outcome of this November's elections--a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	<u>11/4- 5/94</u>	<u>10/94</u>	
Republicans.....	42	46	[23]
Democrats.....	39	37	
Both equal/neither in control (VOL).....	5	6	
Doesn't matter (VOL).....	7	5	
Not sure.....	7	6	

6. Now, let me read you a few specific issues. When it comes to (**READ ITEM**), which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither? (**REPEAT FOR EACH ITEM LISTED BELOW. ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS.**)

	<u>Democrati c Party</u>	<u>Republica n Party</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>Neith er</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Dealing with crime						
November 4-5, 1994.....	14	25	34	19	8	[24]
October 1994.....	24	29	19	21	7	
July 1994.....	18	27	32	19	4	
October 1993.....	21	28	21	24	6	
Dealing with Social Security						
November 4-5, 1994.....	32	27	15	16	10	
Dealing with taxes						
November 4-5, 1994.....	23	36	16	17	8	[26]
October 1994.....	23	40	15	17	5	
October 1993.....	22	35	16	23	4	
July 1992.....	29	20	20	25	6	
May 1992.....	30	26	14	23	7	
April 1992.....	30	24	18	23	5	
Feb/Mar 1992.....	35	26	17	17	5	
October 1991.....	26	31	18	18	7	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. Did you happen to vote in the 1992 presidential election?

(IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote--George Bush, the Republican, Bill Clinton, the Democrat, or Ross Perot, the Independent?

<u>YES, VOTED</u>		
George Bush.....	3	{200}
	4	
Bill Clinton	3	
	8	
Ross Perot.....	1	
	4	
None (VOL)/not sure/refused.....	4	
<u>NO, DID NOT VOTE</u>	9	
<u>NOT SURE IF VOTED/REFUSED</u>	1	

F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/ REPUBLICAN.")**

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly Independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat.....	1	{202}
	8	}
Not very strong Democrat.....	1	
	3	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly Independent.....	1	
	5	
Independent/lean Republican.....	1	
	2	
Not very strong Republican.....	1	
	1	
Strong Republican.....	1	
	5	
Other.....	4	
Refused.....	1	
Don't know/nothing.....	2	

F3. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	8	45-49.....	10	{204}
				}
25-29.....	8	50-54.....	9	
30-34.....	1	55-59.....	7	
	1			
35-39.....	1	60-64.....	6	
	1			
40-44.....	9	65 and over.....	20	
		Refused.....	1	

F4. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	6	{216}
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	1	
	1	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	1	
	5	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	1	
	6	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	1	
	4	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	1	
	7	
More than \$75,000.....	1	
	2	
Not sure/refused.....	9	

F5. Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

White.....	82	{214}
Black.....	10	
Hispanic.....	4	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	2	